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SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Wally Barnett of Lincoln.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, and honored guests. I've got a little special occasion that's a little different to introduce the Senator that I want to introduce. Back in 1949, he was my fraternity father at the University of Nebraska, believe this. Before he got to the University of Nebraska, he was a notorious member of the Dudley Street Bulldogs here in Lincoln. It was just a block from where I grew up. We were neighbors, fraternity brothers, my fraternity father, he served in the Legislature from 1957-1961. I'd like you to welcome Senator Stan Portsche, Stan.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: I'm sure glad you introduced Stan because I'd love to have. It's probably better that you did. Let's go on then to Senator George Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature and distinguished guests. It is a real pleasure to have four senators that I feel are from the area. I have not spotted Mr. Fred Carstens, my immediate predecessor. If he's here, I wish he'd stand up. I have not seen him. We also have from the district, I think these four people are very fine people, that I am privileged to introduce. Willard Waldo who served from 1957-72 at three different sessions in the Legislature. Willard is under the South Balcony, would you please stand? Willard is a very distinguished person I think statewide in his activities and interest in government and state activities and this is a real pleasure. Also, under the North Balcony is former Senator Arnold Ruhnke from Plymouth. Arnold, again, I think is well known statewide for his activities regarding a former agriculture person, both of these senators. Would stand up, Senator Ruhnke? I believe, also, I didn't see that Senator Maresh was here. There is another person from Gladstone or Fairbury, Mr. Albert Schoenrock and he served in the 1930's in the two-house Legislature and would Mr. Schoenrock please stand up and be recognized? Thank you, very much.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Martin Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of this body and distinguished guests. I have three guests today to introduce and as I found out since I've been in the Legislature that seniority means a great deal, I have former Legislator Oswin Keifer who was from Bostwick and still from Bostwick only they moved his post office. It's now at Guiderock. He was in the Legislature from 1923-25. I'd like to introduce Mr. Keifer. I believe there's only one other member here that has that much seniority and I don't believe he's been introduced, so I won't spoil that. The other guest is former Senator Kenneth Bowen and he is from Red Cloud. One thing that worries me a little bit about my district that seems like 4 years is about the most you can survive. Kenneth Bowen didn't go down the hard way, he went up on his way out and he was with the Farmers Home Administration for many years and is now retired. Kenneth Bowen. Then I have a couple of real old friends from my neck of the woods, Senator Leslie Robinson and his wife Charlotte are here and Les was my predecessor by about 6 or 8 years I believe. Les, would you please stand. Thank you very much.